

### Tracing the Causes.

There does not seem to be any need to seek for disagreeable reasons for the action of two or three European nations which have declared that they will not participate in the Panama Exposition at San Francisco.

The frequency with which world's fairs have been held in the United States has begun to place this country in the attitude of holding its hat out altogether too insistently.

The present generation has witnessed the holding of an international exposition in most of the European countries, but each of those countries has been content with the holding of one. In no case has there been a series of them, as in the United States.

It may be suspected that there has been developed a race of professional world's fair agitators, just as there are said to be men whose profession it is to bring about wars. Certainly it is true that a goodly number of men who were at Chicago as exposition experts were at Buffalo and St. Louis. It is a safe guess that many of them are now at San Francisco.

Perhaps it is time that this country, with its greatly diversified products should begin to confine itself to national expositions—with the rule that other nations be invited as guests, without being asked to spend a lot of money.

The world is getting pretty thoroughly acquainted with itself. People are travelling more than ever before, and there is a greater number of books dealing with such topics as travel, foreign customs, sportsmanship, etc. Nor is it possible to overlook the ubiquitous moving-picture man, who has done much toward enabling the whole world to know how the whole world lives, and toward making the world's fair obsolete.

Germany and England are not likely to care to rebuke the United States because of any recent policies outlined by this government. There are other sufficient reasons why the world's fair idea should have ceased to be attractive.

### Fight the Enemy.

Bad roads have caused the farmers greater loss than bank failures, flood or fire.

Every time a farmer travels over a bad road he loses money. Every time he goes to town, visits a neighbor or attempts to transport his products, bad roads steal a part of his profits. They contribute to the wear on his machinery, decrease the value of his horses and increase his hours of labor.

The farmer must fight against chinch bugs, orchard pests or disease germs in his live stock for a few months out of every year. But bad roads are on the job all the time, night and day, winter and summer, the one unceasing, unrelenting enemy against the farmer, his family and all that he has.

August 20-21 have been set aside by Governor Major for the purpose of putting this old enemy to flight.

The magic of volunteer work in road-making was tested by Iowa one June day three summers ago. Between Council Bluffs, on the Missouri river and Davenport on the Mississippi, an army of ten thousand road builders worked on that day, and bulidied one of the best all-dirt road in the country, 380 miles long. In that one day, and not a man among the thousands received a cent of wages.

Although pick and shovel and drag were only used during a few hours, weeks of preparation had preceded the "road day." Township organizations were perfected, and when the day had passed, there was not only the road to show, but an organization and lauded purpose to see that it was maintained.

Hugh G. Harstad, of Liberty, won a \$5 prize in the St. Joseph Gazette's "Boys-lovers' Contest."

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### Wood Defeats Ballard.

Followers of the wrestling and boxing game in this vicinity were again accorded the privilege of witnessing what were to have been good fast matches, at Forest City last Friday night. Jack Wood, who is now making his headquarters here, met and defeated "Tom" Ballard, of St. Joseph, in two best out of three falls in the wrestling match. On the first fall Ballard secured a toe-hold after several minutes wrestling and succeeded in getting the fall, it taking 124 minutes to get the fall, and it looked as if though Wood was due to again be defeated, but he came back and won the next two falls. On the second fall Wood won in three minutes, using the arm scissors and body-holds. The third fall took just five minutes. Ballard again secured the toe-hold, but was unable to keep it and Wood soon had the arm scissors and body-holds, and again won on these holds. Wood weighed about 132 pounds and Ballard about 165, so it will be seen that Ballard had the advantage in the weight, but this did not count for anything, as Wood was in excellent condition, and is undoubtedly the best wrestler of the two. Roy Halls, of Fort Worth, Texas, officiated as the referee. Wood claims to be in better condition now than when he met Hoffman, and is very anxious for a return match with him.

The wrestling match over the boxing contest was soon on, "Kid" Butler, of Elk City, Oklahoma, and Clyde O'Keefe, of Fort Worth, Texas, being the participants. This was a five-round bout, which the referee called a draw. Butler should have been awarded the decision, as he had the best of the fight all the way through, carrying the fight to O'Keefe. The weights of the two men were announced at 136 pounds. The referee was Bobby Burns, who claims the bantamweight championship.

## ALFALFA

Alfalfa should be grown on every farm. Make a beginning—start now.

### ALFALFA NOT A TENDER PLANT

Do Not Sow on Old Sour Soil Without Manuring or Liming or Both—Well Prepared Soil—Do Not Pasture When Ground is Wet or Frozen—If You Fail Sow the Same Field Again.

By Hon. F. L. Hatch, Spring Grove, Ill. "The cost of seed and the supposed uncertainty of getting a stand has kept many from raising alfalfa, and never having fed it do not realize its value."

"Most of the failures result from lack of following instructions given by growers of alfalfa. Alfalfa will not grow on old, worn-out, sour land until it has been manured or limed to sweeten it. The ground must be well prepared and contain enough humus to nourish the crop the first season, then if the soil has been inoculated by spreading sweet clover or alfalfa soil which is known to contain bacteria on same, it will take care of itself if the field sown is well drained."

"One must not pasture alfalfa when the ground is saturated with water, or when the alfalfa is frozen, although it is not a tender plant when well started."

"If one is certain his land is right and falls of a stand, sow the same field again the next year, as the crop seems to do best where used the most. I suppose this comes from inoculation taking place during the first trial. You can grow without inoculation if land is rich, but you can't afford to."

### ALFALFA CAMPAIGNS.

How the Expenses Are Met—Part Taken by the Local People—Assistance Given by the Extension Department.

Alfalfa campaigns are conducted on a co-operative basis between the local people of any community or county, and Prof. P. G. Holden, director of the Agricultural Extension Dept., International Harvester Co. of N. J. Where campaigns are contemplated it is required, first, that a request be made to the Agricultural Extension Department for assistance in carrying on the campaign.

What the local people will provide: (1) Expenses (meals and lodging) for the alfalfa speakers and staff upon their arrival and during the campaign.

(2) From 10 to 20 automobiles for each day of the campaign to carry the alfalfa crew and invited guests; one auto truck to carry literature, baggage, charts, and other equipment.

(3) Arrange for meeting places and publish schedule of same.

(4) Local advertising.

(5) Photographer, if possible.

The Agricultural Extension Department will provide:

(1) Advance men to assist in organization work.

(2) Lecturers, if possible.

(3) Literature.

(4) Special educational articles for newspapers and farm journals pertinent to alfalfa culture, object of campaign, etc.

(5) Field men to follow up the preliminary work and aid the people in any community where sufficient interest is shown to warrant it.

### GET BUSY—GROW ALFALFA.

Most Any Corn Land Will Grow Alfalfa if Properly Taken Care Of.

By J. A. Ranney, New Hartford, Ia.

The first thing for alfalfa is a well drained soil. Most any corn land will grow alfalfa, if properly taken care of. To those who wish to grow alfalfa, I would say, "get busy," and if you fall on the first trial, try the second time, and keep at it, it will pay big dividends—furnishes three coupons per year, and sometimes four. Start in a small way, manure the ground, and plow in the fall; as soon as it is dry in the spring pulverize and harrow to good seed bed. Sow late in April without a nurse crop. Clip the weeds, if any. If thick they choke the alfalfa. If the alfalfa is growing good it will commence to bloom about July 1. As soon as the new shoots appear, cut it always and gather all you cut with horse rake, as a very small amount of it left in the swath will smother the plant. Plow deep for alfalfa, and be sure and inoculate the ground.

### DON'T MIND THE NEIGHBORS.

By J. A. Bliss, Diagonal, Iowa. "A sweet soil with good under drainage as clear from weeds as possible, inoculation, a little common sense mixed with an abundance of persistency and a willingness to learn slowly, and take good naturedly the gibes of the neighbors."

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